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## Plex renovations create housing concerns

By Rebecca Libert  
NEWS EDITOR

Rumors flew last week that next year would herald major housing shortages due to the forthcoming Plex renovations. At least one Plex dorm will be taken off-line next year, although exactly which one has not yet been determined.

At a meeting of the Plex Renovation Committee last Tuesday, it was explained that there are

two timetable options for the renovations, both of which begin this June. One plan would begin the renovations with Park and Harris Dining Hall's New Kitchen. The other plan would begin with Marshall. The funding for the renovations has been approved by the Board of trustees at \$27,500,000.

At the meeting the committee discussed the plans, which include a systematized yet more romantic outer view of the build-

ings, including a refacing of the buildings in stone or stucco, materials which fit more with the style of the rest of the buildings on campus, according to one architect working on the project. Harris will be given a more open and lighter feel, with sky lights over the center portion. The interior of the Plex dorms will be different too; the rooms will no longer be uniform, the windows and shape will vary from room to room. Each floor will have a common room, adjacent to which will be a laundry room. The demolition will begin in June, and if it begins with Park and Harris, there will be many situations to be addressed. Among these are how to get people in and out of the Plex safely and conveniently and how to feed the campus while Harris is closed.

Another concern is where students will be housed. The renovations slated for next semester will require all of Park and the Northeast rooms of Wright to be closed. Right now the housing office has the exact number of places for next year, according to Christine Cyr Goodwyn, director of residential life. Avoiding the housing crunch will be accomplished by a plan to open Lazarus House, and several fac-

ulty housing units to the student population as specialty housing. Lazarus will be opened next semester with new furniture, a large living room, a dining room and a kitchen. Because of the availability of the kitchen, a modified meal plan of seven meals a week will be offered to the residents.

Any size group of people may apply to live in Lazarus, but the housing office is emphasizing it's convenience for student-teachers and international students - mainly students that need to stay on campus during breaks, because the house will remain open.

Additionally, four three-bedroom faculty apartments will be made available through specialty housing. Each of these apartments will hold six people. The apartments are located across Route 32, and although any students may apply, the apartments would be ideal for students writing theses or student-teachers - people likely to be going to bed and getting up early and not making a lot of noise. Housing meetings will be held on Monday, April 8. Meetings about the specialty housing being made available for next year will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday of that week.

## Millstone shut down raises more safety concerns

By Andris Zobs  
THE COLLEGE VOICE



Despite expectations that the plant would return to service within the week, the nuclear power plant Millstone, of Waterford Connecticut, suffered another setback Saturday March 30 as its last remaining reactor, Millstone 3, underwent a controlled shutdown due to a problem detected with a containment isolation valve. The shutdown, expected to last up to a week is simply the last installment in a series of significant safety violations and malfunctions that have come to light in recent months amidst allegations of poor management and cover-ups on behalf of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the agency that regulates the United States' 110 nuclear power plants, and Northeast Utilities, the controlling owner of the plant.

The problem with the valve was discovered during a thorough investigation of the plant to determine if it was in compliance with Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations and able to resume normal operation in the wake of widely publicized safety concerns. The valve, which can be controlled remotely, is one of several that are used to prevent the release of liquid or gas from the containment building during abnormal operating procedures. As Millstone workers try to remedy the faulty valve, Northeast Utilities spokesman, Joe Pillittere, said the shutdown will not affect electricity levels to customers, although the shutdown is expected to cost Northeast Utilities 1.2 million dollars a day to pay for alternate power.

The plant, which has been on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's 'watch list' since late January of this year, was scheduled to be reopened this past week, before the discovery of the defective valve, despite a letter written in late March to the top Northeast Utilities nuclear official from eighteen federal inspectors who reported findings that "raise substantial questions as to whether Millstone Unit 3 is being operated and maintained in conformance with license conditions and commission regulations." The dis-

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## Move aside Coffee Grounds, there's competition

By Jason Salter  
ACTING FEATURES EDITOR

A man sits across the table from a woman in complete silence. They stare at different points on the brown dirty table in front of them with many things to say, but not saying them. Familiar, but unheard music hums in the background as groups of people sit and sip their coffee. Welcome to the world of a coffee house. Small, dark and comfortable places where people toss aside their beer mugs and shot glasses for a steaming cup of coffee and a good talk.

There are two coffee houses in an unlikely area of New London, just down the street from the campus. There is a definite mixture of people who frequent these places, but visitors are welcomed and will be immediately accepted without judgments. Along the dark and busy Bank Street in New London lie Greene's Books and Beans and the Harvest Moon Café. These eclectic and absorbing locations draw everyone from the grunge and hippies to the intellectual and scholarly with the idea of stimulating conversation among friends and often times, com-

plete strangers.

Greene's Books and Beans is relatively new on the coffee shop scene and has become quite a popular hang out for those who dare to mix their cappuccino with a good book. Primarily a bookstore, Greene's has couches and tables for coffee drinkers and readers alike. With a bright and open design, it is not your typical coffee shop; perhaps that's why it is so popular in its infancy. Perhaps its most appealing feature is the incredible view out on to the water, which happened to be lit by moonlight the night I visited. It's a picturesque view of an otherwise tired and run down New London. The owners, two women who decided to combine two passions, brag that they have the best cappuccino and espresso in the area, but caution that: "if you spill on the books, you buy them."

Just down the street from Greene's, you'll find the Harvest Moon Café, which is much like our own Coffee Grounds, with one very appealing difference, it is off campus. A little darker and more artistically decorated than Coffee Grounds, you are immediately enveloped in an aura of discussion and contemplation. Black and white

photos of life's beauty and ugliness hang on the walls over the heads of the patrons. Smoky and relaxed, you step from the street into another world where time stands still except the steam rising slowly from the mug in front of you. Friendly service greets you with a smile and patience, knowing full well that the decision of what to drink is crucial to the conversation that is to follow. They understand that coffee is a mere medium to the realm of the unconscious thought and aids in its articulation through words.

In order to get to these mis-

placed islands in a sea of depression and crime, only three things are needed; one, a ride. It doesn't matter who, when or by what means, but getting there is the hardest part though it's not that far away. Two, an open mind to the experience of clear thought that often comes about after spending long periods of time in a coffee shop. Three, good friends to accompany you. This is optional, though, because it is not necessary to share a cup of coffee with another, but enjoying it alone is often times needed as well. There are two undiscovered

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Photo by Jessica Rogers, A&E Editor

A Diamond in the Rough: Harvest Moon Café offers students a surprising respite off campus in New London, along Bank St.



# NEWS



Voice File Photo

## SGA revamps key processes

Constitution committee eliminated, approval power goes to assembly:

First in a two part series

By Jenny Barron  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

SGA voted last week to rework the process by which club constitutions are approved, transferring the power to make decisions on the merit individual clubs from the Constitution Committee to the Assembly as a whole. The Assembly disbanded the committee which formerly reviewed all submitted constitutions.

"The Assembly is the place where the debate on merit should begin and end," said Alex Cote, SGA vice president as he introduced the proposal. In the newly approved process, the Vice President will be in charge only of proof-reading constitutions, making sure they are grammatically correct, well-organized, typographically correct, and consistent with other constitutions, before they are brought to the Assembly.

The Assembly will proof-read the constitution again, determine if the purpose of the proposed club is met by an existing club, and decides if the club meets the

definition of a student organization. According to the C-Book, a student organization is one composed of and controlled by students with a common interest who, through a clearly defined purpose, create a product that enhances the quality of life at Connecticut College.

The new process also provides for appeals of the Vice President's decision. Any club that feels that the Vice President has dismissed their constitution for reasons other than syntax can either turn to their senator or class president. Either of these representatives can then discuss the issue with the Vice President or take the matter to the Assembly in the form of a proposal.

In the past, club constitutions have been reviewed and approved by a committee headed by the Vice President. If approved, the constitution goes on to a vote by the Assembly. But if the constitution is rejected, there has not traditionally been a process for appeal.

Concerns about the approval process for constitutions were brought to light with this year's rejection of *The College Voice Media Group's* constitution and the controversial constitution of the *Conn Review*.

## April fool's day strikes Branford

By Jenny Barron  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

When Branford residents woke up on April Fool's Day and stumbled into the bathroom to brush their teeth, there was a surprise waiting for them. In honor of the mischievous holiday, someone had removed all of the doors from the bathroom stalls. On every floor and every stall, they were missing.

According to Dan Traum, housefellow of Branford, the stalls were taken between 1:30am and 4:00am Monday morning.

"Someone called me early Monday morning and said 'Dan, they're gone,'" laughed Traum.

But the jokers did leave a ransom note posted on the dorm's bulletin board: "Branford, we know you're bitter because we have the doors to your #2@!." They demanded that \$10,000 be sent to the Every Women's Center for the return of the doors.

Traum added that most people in the dorm took the situation in stride, recognizing it for what it was: a really funny practical joke.

"However, most people were starting to get upset by the second day when they hadn't been returned," Traum commented. "I sent out a message that said 'you know, it really doesn't bother me that much because I have my own bathroom, but we'd really like the doors returned.'"

In the meantime, the bathroom stalls were equipped with shower curtains for privacy. But Traum said that he heard many dorm residents frequented the library bathrooms instead.

To the relief of Branford residents, the doors were found and reinstalled Tuesday night. Traum said that the people responsible put the doors back and no punitive action will be taken.

But though the doors may be back, according to the dorm's senator, things are still not quite right.

"They don't fit quite right," commented Lisa Dupee at last week's SGA meeting. "If we could find a way to get the right doors back with the right stalls, that would be great."

## Smoking section returns to Harris

By Ashley Stevens  
THE COLLEGE VOICE

Connecticut College smokers can rest a little easier now that the smoking section of Harris has been reopened. Following a food fight on Friday, March 29, after which gravy was found on the piano and mashed potatoes on the walls and floor, the smoking section was closed in an attempt to find the persons responsible for the mess.

"I have been here eleven years and haven't seen the likes of this. Someone was being deliberately destructive," commented Matt Fay, director of dining services. He added that the partition separating the smoking section from the rest of Harris was removed in an attempt to prevent similar incidents, by adding the risk of the perpetrators being seen and by removing any peer pressure to create the mess.

Although some names were mentioned, no one came forward to accept responsibility for the incident, and after five or six days of being closed Fay decided that it was a dead issue and reopened the smoking section.

In response to student smokers' concerns that there are people who would like to see the smoking section in Harris phased out, Fay added that there are indeed some people that feel that way, and that whether or not the new Harris has a smoking section is something that will have to be addressed as the plans for construction take effect. (For more information on the New Harris see "Plex renovations create housing concerns," pg. 1).

### Answers to King Crossword

DIPS	SPAS	GAP
ERLE	LISA	AGO
MOONLIGHT	SUN	
INDEED	ALLEY	
CO	HANOI	
HERA	PEG	UGLY
AME	LAI	HOE
MUDD	URN	STOW
LEAST	AL	
CRIMP	CLEATS	
RAG	HIGHLIGHT	
ACH	IDEA	GRAY
BET	DOLT	HATE



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# NEWS

## Millstone

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extensive media coverage nationwide, including the cover of *Time* magazine, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has quickly increased its attentiveness to the problems surrounding Millstone. Victor Dricks, a spokesman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's regional office, said, since the recent shutdown, said the Commission will make it more difficult for Millstone to restart. Millstone 1 and Millstone 2 have been shutdown since October and February, respectively.

The plant, in operation since December of 1970, has attracted much attention recently due to the efforts of two of its former engineers, George Galatis and George Betencourt. Galatis, aided by the technical expertise of Betancourt, have launched a campaign that will bring to the public's attention the flagrant safety violations that have occurred at Millstone for years as well as Northeast Utilities and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's attempts to cover-up numerous reports made in regards to the violations. Furthermore, the nuclear power industry watchdog group, We the People, in conjunction with Galatis, have accused Northeast Utilities and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of using strong arm tactics and intimidation with employees who have tried to report breaches of safety and procedure. This includes the creation of an incentive system that encourages workers to remain silent about safety issue and a loss of bonuses when they do speak out.



Photo by Jessica Rogers, A&E Editor

Need some caffeine? Head to Greene's Books and Beans, brand new on the coffee house scene. Do you like to mix your Thoreau with your espresso? Find it along Bank St.

## The Camel Heard

"I'm cheaper than I thought I was." - overheard at a Passover seder

"Who wants thighs and who wants breasts?" - heard at that same seder...we think he was referring to the chicken...

"It's so hot in my room, my cookies are melting." - an unhappy URI student

"I wonder how high I could get, you know, if I were drunk enough to compensate." - overheard in Branford last weekend

"Ever since I was a little boy I've wanted to be just like Dorothy Hamil." - a certain sophomore who has his sights set a little too high...

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# CAMEL PAGE

## Horoscopes

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Early in the week, you spend some time trying to figure out why someone is being so evasive on the work front. At home, however, peace and harmony happily reign. This weekend, matters relating to education, travel and publishing are highlighted.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) There's some confusion at work early in the week. However, the news you've been waiting for regarding a financial matter is positive. The weekend looks good for getting together with family members you haven't seen in a while.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) It's not a good week to make any real financial decisions or moves. Right now, the trends affecting you are mixed. However, later in the week, good news comes about money. Steer clear of those who would take advantage of you.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) As much as you hate to believe it, not everyone around you is on the up-and-up. In fact, there is someone close to you who is lying to you outright. You need to take off those rose-colored glasses.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You're not communicating effectively this week and people have a hard time as a result. On your part, you're frustrated by what you perceive as a lack of cooperation on the part of those around you.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) There is deceit in your chart now, so be wary of someone whose motives are highly suspect. Trust your instincts. You've doubted this person before and have been correct in your suspicions. Happily, though, much progress is made in business.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Before plunging into an assignment, be sure that all your questions are answered. If not, you'll spend some time over the weekend correcting what you

did wrong. If you do it right the first time, you're happy with the results.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your significant other is going through a bit of a crisis and needs some space and time away from you. Despite your tendency toward possessiveness, you need to be understanding with this person. All turns out in the end.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Early in the week, you're frustrated when someone breaks a promise and you end up doing the lion's share of work. However, in general, it's a happy week where romance is concerned. A wild social weekend beckons.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Something is off-kilter at work, and you're hard-pressed early on to find out what it is. A co-worker is a surprising ally in this endeavor. Together, you are able to come up with a workable solution.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Children are not very forthcoming this week and you must do some digging to get to the bottom of a situation. However, mix your discipline with a good dose of love. In romance, you need to get on a more even keel.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A family member is in need of your help and advice this week. Despite your unwillingness to go that extra mile, you won't be sorry in the long run that you reached out to this person.

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## Books

by Ralph Hollenbeck

**AMBROSE BIERCE:** Alone in Bad Company, by Roy Morris, Jr. (Crown: \$30.00). Ambrose Bierce's main literary legacy is a slim volume of invective titled "The Devil's Dictionary." In it, he defines a cynic as a "blackguard whose faulty vision sees things as they are, not as they ought to be." Bierce must have looked inward for that characterization, for his subsequent caustic commentary as journalist, author and poet spared no one and earned him the nickname "Bitter Bierce." As biographer/historian Morris notes in reference to Bierce's Civil War enlistment, "The jaundiced young man who disliked his parents, his siblings, his schoolmates, his neighbors, and the world at large, now had found, if only temporarily, a calling greater than his own inverted bitterness." Bierce definitely was attracted to that ultimate bitterness—he distinguished himself in the Civil War, reported the Spanish-American War, and mysteriously disappeared in 1914 during one of Mexico's frequent revolutions (raising conjecture whether he fell victim to the conflict or used it to mask his suicide). Morris sums up Bierce's major literary impact: "...the humane inhumanity of his best war stories will continue to endure." Morris has done his homework well in reconstructing the life of a most elusive personality. His Bierce comes across as a talented writer, a most intriguing individual, but not a very nice human being.

## This Week in History

On April 9, 1682, Robert Cavellier, Sieur de La Salle, claimed the lower Mississippi River country for France, calling it Louisiana ... **April 12, 1861**, the Civil War began when Confederates began firing on Ft. Sumter, S.C. ... **April 14, 1861**, Ft. Sumter was captured by the Rebels ... **April 9, 1864**, General Robert E. Lee surrendered 27,800 Confederate troops to General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Va. ... **April 14, 1865**, President Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. ... **April 14, 1894**, Thomas A. Edison's kinetoscope (motion pictures) was given its first public showing ... **April 9, 1914**, when U.S. sailors were arrested at Tampico, Mexico, the Atlantic fleet was sent to Veracruz to occupy the city ... **April 12, 1945**, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Ga.; Vice President Harry S. Truman became president ... **April 11, 1947**, Jackie Robinson joined the Brooklyn Dodgers, breaking the color barrier in major-league baseball ... **April 11, 1951**, General Douglas MacArthur was removed from his Korea command for unauthorized policy statements ... **April 8, 1952**, President Truman ordered the seizure of the nation's steel mills in order to avert a strike ... **April 12, 1980**, at President Jimmy Carter's request, the U.S. Olympic Committee voted not to attend the Moscow Summer Olympics because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan ... **April 12, 1981**, the space shuttle Columbia, the world's first reusable spacecraft, was sent into space and completed its successful mission two days later ... **April 9, 1995**, two Hamas suicide bombers killed themselves, seven Israeli soldiers, and a Jewish student who was an American citizen when they detonated bombs in the Gaza Strip ... **April 10, 1995**, Senator Bob Dole of Kansas announced his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination ... **April 10, 1995**, Rep. Nathan Deal (D-Ga.) announced that he was switching to the Republican party ... **April 13, 1995**, Rep. Robert Dornan (R-Calif.) entered the Republican contest for president.

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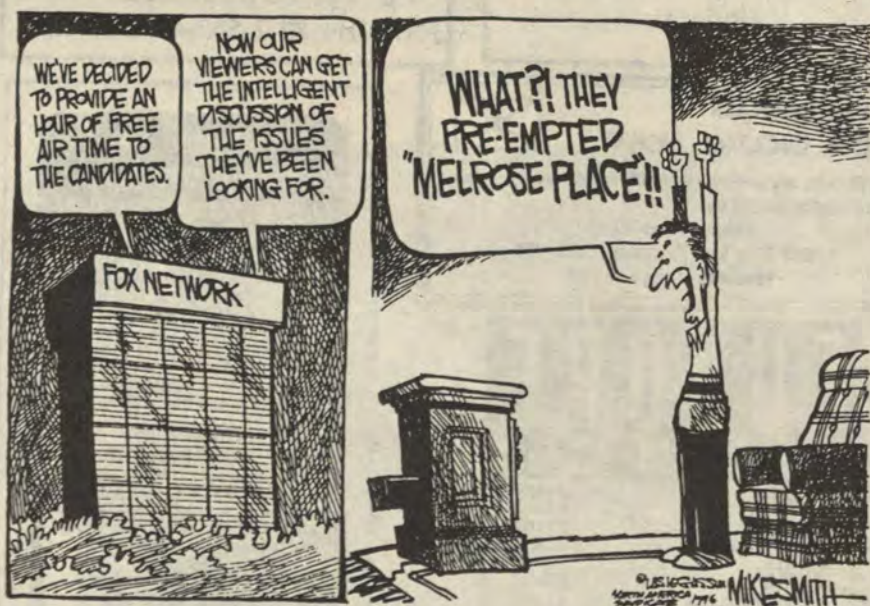
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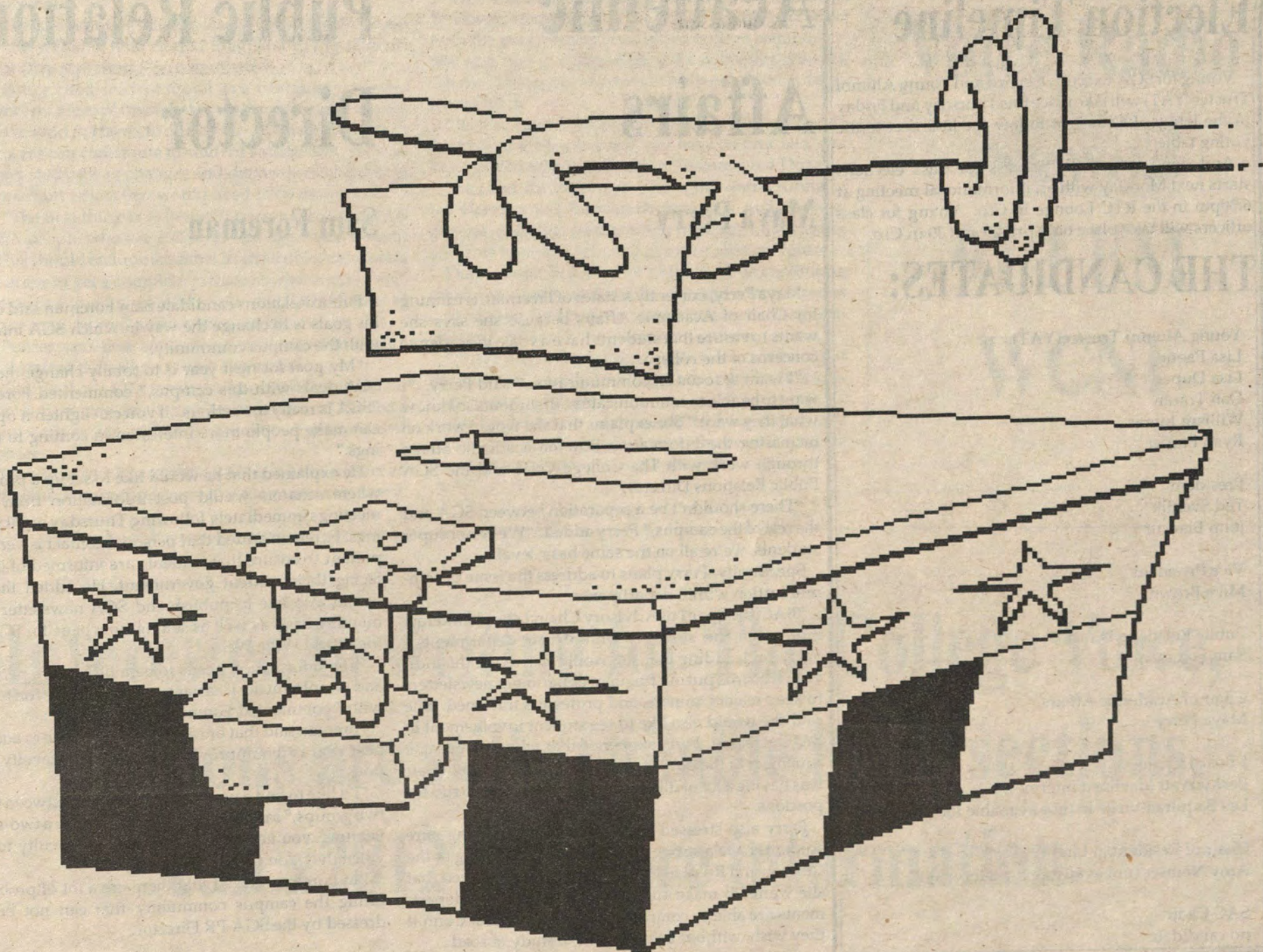
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# 1996 Special Student Government Association Election Pull-Out





# CANDIDATE PROFILES

## President

### Ted Svehlik

As a candidate for SGA President, Ted Svehlik said he feels that leading by example is very important.

"You should lead by example," said Svehlik. "You can't expect other people to abide by the honor code if you yourself don't do it." He added that, as the school moves up in gaining recognition, student leaders must remember that they represent Connecticut College.

Svehlik said he feels that his is a pretty approachable person, but stressed the importance of being strong personality.

"When you go into a meeting with Claire, you have to be able to tell her what the students want," explained Svehlik.

He said that two of the major issues facing students will be upcoming dorm renovations and student-faculty relations.

Svehlik said that he is concerned that student will be living in Lazarus next year.

"Laz was the absolute last choice for the most part[when it was open in the past]," he explained. "If you're happy where you're living, you're happy with your Conn experience."

He said he was also concerned that the faculty felt hurt when the students passed the Conn Review and wants to work to strengthen student-faculty relations.

"It's important to be around and talk to people to find out what they want," Svehlik commented.

### John Biancur

Presidential candidate John Biancur says that he feels student leaders should be held to a higher standard.

"I think that students in leadership positions are representatives of the campus, especially if they go elsewhere...they shouldn't be cheating on their tests, they should be held to a higher standard," commented Biancur.

Biancur said that, for the most part, this year's major issues, such as the Cro Bar vote, dorm renovations, and the establishment of the Conn Review, have been handled fairly well.

But he did voice concern that obstacles facing the passage of the Conn Review were not removed by SGA.

"When over a thousand students speak in favor of something, SGA should be involved," said Biancur.

Biancur said that a very important task of the SGA President is to make yourself available to students so that they can voice their concerns. He added that the President should also facilitate meaningful discussion within the Assembly.

"Until everyone has had a chance to speak, you never know if that one point will come up that will change someone's vote," explained Biancur.

He said that the President must know the issues facing the campus and how all different student feel about them.

## Vice President

### Mike Brown

Vice Presidential candidate Mike Brown, currently senator of JA, says that one of his goals for next year would be to work on better diplomacy. He explains that some mistakes were made this year, but adds that hindsight is 20/20.

"The Vice President and the Finance Committee is really a service organization," commented Brown. "It's there, not to regulate, but to enable things to happen. It's really so people can have fun."

Brown said that he is very much in favor of the recent changes made to the constitution process.

"It was a bit unclear, that's why it was a fiasco...Evaluating the constitutions should be the job of the Assembly," Brown explained.

As for the finance process, Brown said that he expects that would require a great deal of his attention. He said that he has been in contact with Alex Cote, current vice president, and if the process is changed, it will be the job of next year's vice president to work with and facilitate the new process.

Brown said he also wants to work on the visibility of the Vice President, adding that he would like to personally meet with as many clubs as possible.

"Liasons are good, but I don't want to use that as a crutch," commented Brown. "The emphasis I'd like to put on the role[of the Vice President] is not the budget but the clubs...their needs extend past when they get their allocation."

## Voting and Class

### Election Timeline

Voting for SGA Executive Board and Young Alumni Trustee(YAT) will take place this Thursday and Friday in the lobby of Cro. Just follow the little feet to the voting table!

And don't forget, the process for class elections starts next Monday with an informational meeting at 6:30pm in the RTC Lounge in Cro. Voting for class officers will take place on April 29 and 30 in Cro.

### THE CANDIDATES:

#### Young Alumni Trustee(YAT)

Lisa Paone  
Lisa Dupee  
Dan Traum  
William Intner  
Ryan Poirier

#### President

Ted Svehlik  
John Biancur

#### Vice President

Mike Brown

#### Public Relations Director

Sam Foreman

#### Chair of Academic Affairs

Maya Perry

#### J-Board Chair

Becky Watt (declined interview)  
Les Baquiran-write in (not available for interview)

#### Chair of Residential Life

Amy Nemser (not available for interview)

#### SAC Chair

no candidate

## Academic Affairs

### Maya Perry

Maya Perry, currently senator of Freeman, is running for Chair of Academic Affairs because she says she wants to ensure that students have a voice in academic concerns of the college.

"I want to focus on communication," said Perry. "I want to be able to communicate with students so I know what they want." She explains that she would work on increasing the information flow on academic affairs through work with The College Voice and the SGA Public Relations Director.

"There shouldn't be a separation between SGA and the rest of the campus," Perry added. "We're not super students, we're all on the same basic level."

Specifically, Perry plans to address the issue of communication within departments.

"BAC[the Board of Advisory Chairs] should interact more with the students within their departments," Perry said, adding that she would like to see the individual boards put out frequent department newsletters to keep majors, minors, and professors informed. She said she would also like to see student involvement in BAC increased. Perry explained that, when she became a member of the government advisory board, the chair was having a lot of difficulty getting students to run for positions.

Perry also stressed the importance of making sure students have a strong voice in the restructuring of the German and Russian Departments. She explained that she wants to make sure that majors in those departments are able to complete their study here at Conn if they wish, without being forced to study abroad.

## Public Relations Director

### Sam Foreman

Public Relations candidate Sam Foreman said one of his goals is to change the way in which SGA interacts with the campus community.

"My goal for next year is to totally change the way SGA deals with this campus," commented Foreman. "SGA is really too serious...if you can lighten it up, you can make people more interested in coming to meetings."

He explained that he would like to set up a program where senators would post information from SGA meetings immediately following Thursday night meetings. Foreman added that personal contact is very important to ensure that students are informed of issues facing their student government. He added that he would also like to publish an SGA newsletter on a monthly basis as well as setting up a page for SGA on the World Wide Web.

"The information needs to be a little more personal and I want to make it easier to read and more fun to deal with," commented Foreman.

Foreman said that one issue he would like to address next year is the improvement of student-faculty relations.

"I'd like to find a way to bridge the gap between these two groups," said Foreman. "It needs to be a two-sided venture...you need to get students and faculty to talk when they don't have to."

But Foreman added that there are a lot of problems facing the campus community that can not be addressed by the SGA PR Director.



# CANDIDATE PROFILES

## Young Alumni Trustee

### Lisa Paone

Lisa Paone says she feels her past roles on SGA and in house governance, including as a student advisor and a house senator, would help her to address student concerns as a Young Alumni Trustee (YAT). Paone, currently Chair of Residential Life, says that her involvement has allowed her to get to know many students in all four classes.

"I am pretty deeply involved in the major issues that will carry over to next year," said Paone, referring to the upcoming dorm renovations and the recurring theme of creating a sense of community on campus.

"It definitely requires a very strong leadership," she added, saying that taking a dorm off line will be a crunch and will take a lot of cooperation.

Paone said that she would ensure that she was in communication with students through SGA and talking with people.

"I would make sure that everyone knows what's going on and why everything is the way it is," she explained.

Paone will be living on the east coast after graduation and says she would make every attempt to keep in touch with the campus as much as possible.

### Dan Traum

Dan Traum, currently housefellow of Branford, believes that most important role of a YAT is to remain in close contact with the campus community so that they can inform the Board of Trustees of the concerns of the student body.

"YAT makes the Board aware of the needs of the students," commented Traum. "If that link is not strongly established, the board could, without knowing it, run over students." He added that students need to be made aware that the YATs are an outlet for their concerns.

"Students are going to raise concerns, some of which are going to be major, and it is the job of the YAT to make sure these concerns are heard," explained Traum.

But Traum stressed that it is the job of the YAT to get in touch with students and not necessarily the other way around. He said that he would utilize voice mail, email, and occasional visits to the college to have lunch with students.

"It's a very intensive job," said Traum. "Anyone who thinks that the job stops at the four or five trustee meetings a year is mistaken." He also stressed the importance of being able to relate to students as well as CEOs of major companies, the Chair of the Board of Trustees, and the President of the College.

Traum also said that he would try to talk, not only to members of student government, but to students who are involved in all areas of the campus.

### William Intner

Young Alumni Trustee (YAT) candidate William Intner, currently Senior Class President, feels that it is important that a YAT be able to address current issues as well as those which have not yet come up.

"The biggest issues that students currently know about are not as big as the ones that will come up in the future," Intner said. He added that when issues, like the renovation of the Plex, do come to the forefront, the role of the YAT is to stress student involvement in the discussion and resolution of those issues.

"This is why it is so important for a YAT to be in close contact with the campus," commented Intner. "That means not just calling up the SGA President, but talking to representatives of all different groups."

He said he would inform himself of campus issues via voice mail, email, and personal visits to the campus.

Intner also stressed the importance of SGA experience in any SGA candidate.

"No matter how much training the Board [of Trustees] gives you, it can't make up for the experience of sitting on different committees," he explained, adding that this would help the YAT in relating to students as well as to other members of the campus community.

### Ryan Poirier

YAT candidate Ryan Poirier, currently housefellow of Wyndam, said he feels that it is important for any student leader to be held accountable to those that they represent.

"People who are student leaders have an obligation to the students who elected them and to the students that they represent," he commented.

Poirier cited student moral as a continuing campus concern. He explained that everything from the quality of the food in Harris to dorm renovations to the budget process can contribute to student satisfaction. He also cited study away changes and department changes as important issues that would need to be monitored.

"The best thing is to keep up personal relationships with people who are still at the college," said Poirier. "This should include students from all different worlds in order to get a complete picture of what's going on." He added that he would keep in touch via email and voice mail, as well as occasional campus visits.

Poirier said that maintaining contacts with faculty and staff at the college is also important.

"While the YAT's foremost responsibility is to students, it is also important to be aware of different perspectives for different situations," commented Poirier.

He added that the role of a YAT is to be in contact all different concerns and ensure that their voices are heard.

### Lisa Dupee

YAT candidate Lisa Dupee, currently senator of Branford, stressed that a YAT must be able to connect with the past, present, and future college community. She said that it is important to be in contact with the Alumni Office, current student leaders, and the Admissions Office.

"If you can't connect all three, it's not going to happen...there's a balance you have to find and you have to strike that relationship," commented Dupee.

She cited the Plex renovations, the restructuring of the German and Russian departments, and the new general education plan as some of the key issues facing students both this year and in the immediate future.

Dupee described the role of the YAT as continuing that link between students, faculty, and administrators and stressed the necessity of maintaining a strong connection even while away from the campus.

"[It's] being able to communicate to the trustees what the students want out of this place and why it is special," explained Dupee.

She added that it is important to keep day to day concerns in mind when looking at the overall issues of social, political, and academic questions.

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# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



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Assistant stage manager Meg Sturiano gives Bette's family some helpful notes for the blocking of a scene. This is only one of the many aspects of the rehearsal process for this semester's production of Christopher Durang's dark comedy *The Marriage of Bette and Boo*.



Photo by Jessica Rogers, A&amp;E Editor

A comedic moment between Karl (Michael Noon) and Soot (Andrea Ruocco) is carefully observed by director Stevenson Carlebach, who proceeds to make suggestions and alterations to the delivery. When directing comedy of any kind, timing is a very important aspect. Under Carlebach's direction, everything is sure to be right on the mark.



Photo by Jessica Rogers, A&amp;E Editor

## David Dorfman

Alum David Dorfman performs a graceful leap while playing an accordion during the performance two weeks ago. The David Dorfman Dance Co. astounded and amazed the audience with their combinations of agility, strength, and grace.



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## Bette and Boo to get married on Palmer mainstage

By Jessica Rogers  
A&E EDITOR

When I stepped into Hillyer Hall on Thursday evening, I was immediately surrounded by the sights and sounds of a play rehearsal. Under the careful direction of Stevenson Carlebach, this semester's production of Christopher Durang's play *The Marriage of Bette and Boo*, is on its way to becoming a big hit.

This show, unlike the previous productions this year will be performed on the full stage, with house seating, instead of black box. Not that that should detract from the play itself. Once again utilizing the talents of designer Bob Phillips, Ed Chiburis, Thomas Ladd, and the Theatre Services staff, the set for *Bette and Boo* will definitely impress the viewer.

Told from the point of view of the title couple's only child, Matt (played by senior Jeremy Guskin), the plot behind *The Marriage of Bette and Boo* is the most autobiographical of Durang's plays. It is about the life and habits of Bette and Boo (Bethany Caputo and Greg Keller), and their respective in-laws, from their marriage to their deaths.

At first the viewer may see the characters as caricatures of real people, but as the play progresses, the reality of the personas come through, causing one to

recall one's own eccentric family members. From the sickly Emily (Amy Finkel) to the abusive Karl (Michael Noon) to the flighty Soot (Andrea Ruocco), the reality of the characters adds an under lying sadness to the "dark humor" of the play.

"Everyone put a tremendous amount of effort[into their respective characters]," said stage manager Elizabeth Anne Lee when asked about the progress of the play. Lee went on to describe the cast as being a "pleasure to work with."

"They seem to have [a] total commitment to the show and to their characters," said Lee.

Total commitment to a show on behalf of the cast and crew is absolutely mandatory to have a successful show, and from the looks of it, *Bette and Boo* will be a success.

*The Marriage of Bette and Boo* will be shoing on April 18, 19, and 20.

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## SGA President and YAT recommendations

We recommend Ted Svehlik for the position of SGA President. While both candidates are qualified and this was a difficult call to make, we feel that the most important qualifications of a President are approachability and the skill to relate to the campus community as a whole. In his current capacities as both SAC Chair and SGA executive board member, Svehlik has proven himself to be adept at both.

We strongly recommend Dan Traum for the position of Young Alumni Trustee (YAT). Traum emphasizes a YAT's strong continued connection to the campus and the necessity that the position represent all students. These elements, especially the latter, are crucial to this position. While the ability to work with student government is important, as other candidates reiterated, Traum's commitment to representing the whole of the community stood out.

### SGA makes move towards better representation

Who better to decide the merit of student organizations than the representatives of the members of those organizations? The student government assembly is meant to represent every student on this campus in some way, whether it is through your class president or your senator. These are the people who are meant to decide issues that affect the students of this campus.

This week SGA disbanded the Constitution Committee and turned over the power of judging the merit of proposed clubs over to the Assembly as a whole. This is a move that should have been made a long time ago and the Vice President deserves praise for spearheading a proposal that transfers power from his own position.

This also frees the Vice President from his role as a regulator of student activity. With his power to decide whether or not the legitimacy of a club should even be discussed by the Assembly removed, he can now act as an impartial advocate for all clubs. Given that the Vice President's main task is to serve as a voice for student organizations, this move is both needed and warranted. Now when new clubs are proposed and organizations look to improve existing constitutions, the members will have a much more diverse group deciding their case.

In the past, and most notably this year, a very select few have been vested with the responsibility of judging a club's right to exist. This has led to controversy about the motivations of this small committee. It is much less likely that such questions will arise about the views of the whole Assembly.

The new system also includes an integral component of any democratic process: the right to appeal the Assembly's decision. If a constitution is voted down, the membership of that organization can take its case to either their senator or class president for reconsideration. This gives the club a second chance to make their case, with the opportunity to address the concerns brought up by the Assembly.

The importance of representation in the ideal of shared governance cannot be stressed enough. It is what our founding father's dedicated their lives to over two centuries ago, and it is what we continue to fight for now. This latest change will let the SGA Assembly vote as representatives of the entire college community rather than having just a few members voting on the fate of an organization. This is truly an idea dedicated to preserving the right for representation within our shared governance.

One can only hope that they will apply this recent show of wisdom and democracy as they prepare to revamp the finance process.

did we know that the answer was as simple as you. Thanks, pal. We sincerely hope that you'll find us in our perma-smile bliss on Floralia. You can crack a cold Natural Light and discuss the direction of the Republican party with Jay, while Matt (assuming he can speak at this point) makes fun of you both.

Speaking of Floralia (notice the clever segue)...With Floralia only four short weeks away it has come time for us to begin to re-evaluate Con College's most welcome tradition. We all know that it is a fun day, undoubtedly the best you'll have all year. However, we believe that with every new Floralia we should begin to think of new things and events that will allow its spirit to endure and stand the test of time. After much careful consideration we've come up with a few things guaranteed to make you party until you vomit into submission:

1. Willie Intner and the Chocolate Factory - Join host Willie as he takes you on a whirlwind tour of Ernst common room and other S.G.A. hot spots. Hold on to your boners, there's more. After a short discussion on the art of political masturbation entitled, "Two Percent Voter Participation: My Rise to the Top", Intner and other S.G.A. celebs will show you what actually goes on at S.G.A. meetings. Don't say we told you, but our source Deep Throat II assures us that our elected representatives have actually completed a nude sculpture of campus safety officer D.A.R.Y.L. out of a ten pound block of American cheese. Guests will be invited to chow down on D.A.R.Y.L. to their cholesterol's content and a raffle will be held to hand out the coveted "I ate D.A.R.Y.L.'s ass" t-shirts. Bon appetit.

2. The "I Just Chowwed Mushrooms" Student-Faculty Barbecue - come on down to this Floralia fun fest where the only thing sizzling more than your brain are the wieners. What better to accompany your peak than some burgers and dogs, a nitrous keg stand, and professor Stoner's q.p. of Homegrown Harkness Hellraiser?! You'll be sent to the stratosphere as professor Andrew Green slaps on a bikini, paints himself blue, and skips around throwing lollipops and PEZ at the adoring crowd. Guaranteed to make you bleed with laughter.

3. "The Diversity Moon Bounce" - Join '66, Deans Ifill and Ferrari, and people of all races colors and creeds as they bounce their way to peace, love, and understanding.

4. The "Pin the Hair On Dean "Sting" Ray" contest - Sorry, we just couldn't resist.

5. The "I Drank So Much Beer I Crapped Myself" Support Group and Clothes Change - David Brailey will be supplied with hundreds of Depends undergarments and A.A. sign up sheets for all that suffer from the dreaded Floralia flatulence. Mark Hoffman will also be there with his famous slush bar where Kookie Kool-Aid cocktails will be available for all to enjoy. Be sure to bring a doctors note because the Eschazier twins will be checking medical histories to make sure that nobody with diabetes gets a slushy. \*Beverages with and without saccharin will be present.

Next "issue" - We've gotten wind of what the band selection is for our beloved festivities and dare we say what a foul wind it is. And since there is nothing of real substance to bitch about at this school we'll bitch about this. Floralia expectations are always great. Rumors fly about how somebody

landed George Clinton or Dave Matthews, and then to our dismay we find out that it's only Skinner Box and They Might Be Giants. Since our hopes for a musically sound Floralia have passed we'd like to offer some suggestions to the future fans of Floralia funk:

1. David Hasselhoff - We don't care how much he costs and neither will the administration after they feast their eyes upon the molten mass of machismo that is David Hasselhoff. He belt out the theme to Baywatch Nights and you'll all laugh so hard you'll piss yourselves.

2. Rick James - Mild-mannered Rick might be out on work release by the time Floralia '97 rolls around, and for a couple thousand and a couple freshman girls he could shake his jerry-curl-soaked glittering mane to the delight of all. Just don't scream out "Can't touch this!" in the middle of "Superfreak" or Rick's liable to force you to smoke crack with him.

3. Rupaul - There would be nothing like a six foot four freak dressed as a woman to bug out all the people on drugs.

4. Dexy's Midnight Runners - We hear they're booked solid, though.

5. Depeche Mode - It won't take up any time between sets because they don't play any instruments. And now that the smoking section of Harris is closed all of our Eurotrash will finally have something to smile about.

Weather permitting, this Floralia should prove to be quite a time. It would be a blast even if John Tesh was headlining. As the year comes to a close you can look back on all the tests you blew and the work you didn't do, crack a beer, and find solace in the words of Homer J. Simpson, who said, "You tried and you failed miserably. The lesson is - never try...In contests such as these, it is not whether you win or lose, it's how drunk you get." Amen, brother. We'll see you ringside.

## Earth House Column

I would like to take this time to say that vegetarianism is not a communist plot. I would also like to thank Rudolph McCarthy - I mean Radna - for giving us his political science thesis. But seriously folks, what I really want to talk about is a good-old-fashion awareness week. Coming up is the fourth annual Vegetarian Awareness Week. Before you experience the highly popular VAW, I thought I would give you some basic arguments for the vegetarian diet. Most people choose vegetarianism for three major reasons, or a combination of them. The three big ones are ethical/moral reasons, environmental reasons and health concerns.

Ethical/moral issues arise from the cruel and inhumane way that animals are raised in the industrialized world. Can it be morally acceptable to subject any living creature to unnecessary pain and suffering? By choosing a plant based diet, you can limit the needless pain of

## Schmoozing

We'd like to start by thanking Ron Lewenberg for his scathing editorial concerning the schmoozing article of a few weeks past entitled "The Case For Southern Secession". It was after reading your letter that we realized how thankful we are for people like you. Without keen journalistic oversight from the Voice staff and individuals such as yourself schmoozing is lost - an army without an enemy, an article without an asshole. The fact that you actually are so paranoid about being a Republican that you would

call our ridiculous comments about Abraham Lincoln "leftist anti-capitalism" leads us to believe that you've been stroking yourself off with Adam Smith's invisible hand so much that it has not only made you blind, but stupid. Jay actually considers himself one of the five Republicans on this campus and it makes him ashamed and afraid that you are one of the other four. Nevertheless, one of our column's objectives is to get angry mail and we were beginning to wonder what it was going to take to get some. Little





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countless animals. Science has shown that animals can feel, suffer and experience pain, panic and fear. 95% of US beef comes from factory farms which involve overcrowding, deprivation, mutilation (dehorning, branding, de-beaking, castration) and death. Animals are kept in confined spaces for their entire lives, never seeing the outside of their cages. Veal calves are immobilized, isolated, and fed iron-deficient diets so that their pale, tender flesh will appeal to gourmet appetites. Chickens are so small they can't stretch their wings. They are so immobilized, their feet grow into the cage. By choosing vegetarianism you are ending a great deal of suffering.

The second major reason for vegetarianism is the impact it has on the environment. It takes 12 times more food resources to sustain a meat based diet than a vegetarian diet. 260 million acres of U.S. forest has been cleared to create cropland to produce our meat based diet. More than half of all water used for all purposes in the United States is used in livestock production. A University of California study shows that it takes 25 gallons of water to produce one pound of wheat; it takes 2,500 gallons to produce one pound of meat. The vegetarian diet is a choice you can make three times a day for a healthier planet.

On top of the benefits for the animals and for the Earth, a vegetarian diet is more healthy for the human body. Meat is generally high in fat, toxins and cholesterol. Our meat based diet is a major factor for why our society has high rates of heart attacks, strokes and why we are generally overweight. Furthermore, excessive protein intake has been implicated in the development of osteoporosis, kidney disease and cancer. Women who consume meat daily have almost four times as much chance to develop breast cancer as women who eat little or no meat.

There are many more reasons and for a more in-depth look at the issue there are countless books on the topic. If you need a title the classic "Diet for a New America" will point you in the right direction. I strongly encourage you to try to cut down or cut out the meat in your diet. Try it, this week is a great time to start.

by John Hirsch

All info from Beyond Beef by Jeremy Rifkin, Diet for a New America by John Robbins, The Vegetarian Sourcebook by Keith Akers and Animal Factories by Jim Mason and Peter Singer.

## Ban on Halogen lamps unnecessary

The idea of a separate student handbook is a great one, and it wasn't long before I found my-

self (even as a senior) thumbing through the pages, looking at the new layout and trying to find changes in various campus policies.

One which jumped out immediately was the new ban on halogen lamps (section II, page 6). While there are some valid points in enacting such a ban, the resultant short- and long-term effects don't seem to be worth the trouble of such strict regulations. It seems that the housing committee, instead of offering alternatives and improvements to the current in-house lighting situation, decided to react to the recent negative press given to halogen floor lamps.

This press, while it pointed out many important issues regarding room safety, did not offer any alternative solutions to an outright ban. The housing committee attacked a *symptom* of a problem area, not the root cause.

I'm certain that the ban on halogen lamps was due to their extremely high operating temperature. A typical halogen floor lamp can produce temperatures upwards of 200° Fahrenheit, hot enough to ignite many flammable objects which are found on the walls of a typical student room (i.e. Tapestries, large posters, etc.).

Also, these lamps use a fairly high amount of power – the average halogen floor lamp is a 300-watt, variable power unit. As the housing committee had to approve the new regulation, it would seem that these two factors weighed heavily in their consideration.

However, the ramifications of a ban may be less beneficial in reality than they are on paper. It is a well-known fact that the typical Connecticut College student room has poor electric lighting. The low-energy fluorescent bulbs (known to many students as "glowing sticks of butter") present in a majority of student rooms provide barely enough light to navigate a room – usually to find another source of light. In many instances these lights don't even function due to a rather haphazard and inconsistent installation of these lighting units.

Most Connecticut College students are therefore required to purchase secondary forms of lighting in order to function in their rooms. It's bad enough that the college does not provide sufficient lighting for a room (don't get me started on the lack of shelving), but an outright ban on halogen floor lamps is much too drastic. For many students, halogen floor lamps are the most economical way to illuminate a room. They provide enough light for the largest rooms on campus, and can be dimmed to suit individual needs.

At an average price of \$20 for a halogen floor lamp and bulb, a student gets the necessary amount of room illumination at a bargain cost. Compared to the

halogen floor lamp, the amount of incandescent lamps needed to produce the same amount of light can easily cost upwards of \$50 for good, sturdy lamps. From a basic student cost standpoint, the halogen lamp fits most students' budgets, unlike the cost of multiple incandescent lamps at \$10-\$20 each.

Connecticut College students should not be forced to shell out even more money for items which should be provided by the college.

Another reason that halogen lamps are so popular at Connecticut College is that the light emitted by low-energy fluorescent bulbs is cold and, frankly, depressing. Both halogen and incandescent bulbs give off "warm" light which seldom flickers. Fluorescent bulbs give off "cold" light in comparison. They are prone to flickering, and are not capable (unless used in great quantities which negate their cost savings) of illuminating a large space – even a typical Plex or Larrabee single.

For me (and countless others here at Conn), the college-wide switch to low-energy fluorescent bulbs two years ago resulted in my purchasing a halogen floor lamp. As much as the Earth House crew would like everybody to adopt this new form of lighting, I can't stand its anemic output and high initial cost. While the college-wide switch was supposed to reduce operating expenses, the resulting influx of new lighting devices likely negated any potential savings. For those who are "light sensitive," low-energy fluorescent lighting does not meet their needs. A halogen floor lamp is an effective, economical, and safe way to light up a student room with warm, comfortable light.

"Safe," you may ask? Indeed. Halogen lamps are safe – when proper precautions are taken. The reason halogen lamps have created such a negative backlash with the housing authorities here at Conn is that people haphazardly place them next to highly flammable materials, like fabrics (tapestries) and paper (posters). However, with a bit of careful planning – the same type a person makes when arranging furniture in a room – a halogen lamp can "peacefully co-exist" with the furnishings in any room without causing incident. I think that the housing committee made a great mistake in banning halogen floor lamps. Unless other steps are taken to improve the lighting situation in student rooms, Connecticut College students will likely continue to use the "forbidden lamps."

For the student on a typical student budget (where the phrase "negative income" is used nearly as much as the word "like"), halogen lamps offer the most economical solution to the persistent lighting problem in student rooms. I urge the housing committee – both present

and future members – to address *causes* of problems instead of attacking *symptoms*. Working in a pro-active manner, being creative, and perhaps presenting alternatives which work for every student at Conn, would be much better.

Rudi Riet '96

## Women's Center sponsors awareness week

Rape. Domestic violence. Incest. Sexual harassment. Gender inequality. If these topics disturb you, then learn more about how to prevent them from occurring or simply acknowledge and respect the victims. Participate in "Silent No More, Fear No More," the week of awareness and empowerment sponsored by the Woman's Center at Connecticut College.

This week, April 8-12, includes activities such as safe sex workshops, women's self-defense classes, Take Back the Night rally, the Clothesline Project, and a poetry slam. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. The week schedule is: Monday, April 8 Leather, Lace, & Latex: 7-10 p.m. Safe Sex Workshops with 1962 Room Denise Ribble Tuesday, April 9 same as Monday, Wednesday, April 10 Women's Self-Defense 3-6 & 6:30-9:30 p.m. with Donna Betancourt 1962 Room Sign up on Monday or Tuesday 10-3 p.m. in Cro Thursday, April 11 Folk Singer Martha Leader 7 p.m. Crow's Nest Take Back the Night Rally 8 p.m. in front of Cro Friday, April 12 Performance Poetry 7 p.m. by Tina D'Elia Coffee Grounds All week The Clothesline Project Larrabee Green or Shain Library.

On Monday and Tuesday, Denise Ribble holds two fun-filled safe sex workshops for students only. In these workshops, Ribble describes and performs (on a banana) intricate and amazing ways to put on a condom and much more. Donna Betancourt's classes on Wednesday help women to physically empower themselves through self-defense. Thursday night begins with folk singer Martha Leader, an important promoter of women's rights, and concludes with the annual Take Back the Night Rally. Take Back the Night includes a march around campus protesting sexual assault followed by an open-mike session at which women and men are encouraged to tell their stories and make additional comments. The week ends with a live poetry performance by famed poet Tina D'Elia. D'Elia has won numer-

ous awards for her poetry about domestic violence. Throughout the week, the Clothesline Project, a collection of tee-shirts dedicated to victims of rape, domestic violence, and incest, will be located in Shain Library or on Larrabee Green, depending on the weather. Watch the CONNtact for more details about the Clothesline Project. Any old tee-shirts (all colors) donated for the project would be greatly appreciated. Also, volunteers are needed to assist with the week-long activities. Please call the Woman's Center at x2824 if you are willing to volunteer or donate shirts.

Gender equality. Self-defense. Safe sex. Women's rights. Help to promote these beliefs on our campus – join the Woman's Center in "Silent No More, Fear No More."

Alison Haight '98

## Student outraged at "feminist" poster

I would like to respond to something posted anonymously in my bathroom. It's a piece of grey paper with this statement in bold letters: "In one survey, 51 percent of college men said they would rape if they were certain they could get away with it." I have many problems with this announcement. What is this survey they are referring to? How was the question phrased in this survey? Who conducted this survey? In what year was it conducted? How did they define rape? How many men were surveyed? Where was this study published? Did "feminists" post this? For men and women to move forward to equality, women cannot present all men as predators. We cannot say we are all equal and then say that half of all men are evil. Many feminists are moving back to the dangerous stereotypes that many fought so hard to get rid of, the stereotypes of all men as predators of the night stalking women and women as wide-eyed innocent virgins who need to be protected from men. I would like to say that not all women on campus subscribe to such biased views of the opposite sex.

Eden Savino '98





# CAMEL SPORTS

## Men's Rowing is Prepared for a Competitive Season

By Silas Bauer  
THE COLLEGE VOICE

The next time you stumble back to your room at 5:00 am on Saturday morning, keep a drunken eye out for members of the men's rowing team as they diligently head to the Thames River for yet another morning practice.

The sacrifice has paid off as the team boasts three strong boats. They devoted the entire winter, as well as the entire two weeks of spring break, to hard-core training in preparation for the spring racing season. The team is being led by Captain John Lusins. The varsity boat, after losing only one senior from last year, has benefited from the arrivals of freshman Nick Ziebarth and transfer Drew DiPaola.

As a conclusion to the spring break training sessions, the varsity eight traveled to Brown University to scrimmage the highly competitive Division 1 Brown freshman on March 23. Over the course of four racing pieces, Conn's varsity hung tight with Brown's all-star crew, and very nearly beat them. It was a large confidence builder for the crews; and Ric Ricci, Coach of Men's Rowing, said that it was the best effort by one of his crews since the annual scrimmage was begun in 1992.

One week later on March 30, all three Conn boats faced UNH and UMass-Lowell in their first official race of the season. The varsity, with their line-up of: stroke, Scott Williams; 7, Phil Bowen; 6, Nick Ziebarth; 5, Drew DiPaola; 4, Cory Cowles; 3, Keith McGahan; 2, captain John Lusins; and bow, Silas Bauer, ap-

proached the starting line with a chip on their shoulders from a loss the year before, and prepared to crush their opponents. Unfortunately, it was apparent before the race even started, that their lane and starting position were to their disadvantage. Despite the adverse conditions, the crew rowed the race with the poise. A powerful burst at the end of the race almost pulled them past UMass-Lowell into second place, but it was just a bit too late, and so Conn finished a disappointing third.

The JV boat, determined not to let Lowell and UNH get the better of them, approached the starting line prepared, and rowed a hard fought race. Coming in second, they crushed Lowell and made UNH fight hard to win. The team was impressed with the JV's effort.

The third varsity, composed mostly of newcomers to the sport, approached their race with confidence and came out with a successful finish. Crossing the line second, they beat Lowell convincingly, and stayed right on the tail of the UNH novice crew.

"We rowed a pretty good race considering the level of experience in the boat," said Clay Rives, a member of the third varsity crew.

"Our season opener was a disappointment. I felt the conditions prevented us from fairly evaluating our progress to this point. In light of that we are looking forward to our race against Coast Guard, our arch rivals," said Coach Ricci of the varsity's race.

Men's Rowing will face Coast Guard on Tuesday April 9, very very early in the morning.

## Women's crew races in the right direction

by Jenny Marchick  
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During the past two months twenty three women have given their heart, soul, and time to the Connecticut College Women's Crew. Many of them rowed this fall as well, and have spent more time either in the tanks or on the water than anywhere else this year.

The team is coached by Claus Wolter, former coach of the American National Light Weight Four. The athletes train vigorously, most times seven days a week, in preparation for their highly competitive and successful schedule. The Camels boast four strong boats this season; the Varsity Eight (bow-cox: Jessica Janiak, Doreen Cutonilli, Jamie Kleiman, Meghan Barry, Maya Dworkis, Metta Ann Rehnberg, Claire Brennan, captain Sarah Sansom, and Joanna Gordon), the JV Eight (bow-cox: Holly Hawkins, Elizabeth Eckert, Kelly Chapman, Jessica Broome, Mimi Crume, Megan Kelly,

Mary Gorman, Betsy MacStay, and Sarah West), the Varsity Four comprised of members of the varsity boat, and the Novice Four (bow-cox: Mara DelMargo, Helen Tsahalos, Jackie Shen, Sara Burns, and Tiff Sutherland).

The team faced Smith and collected wins in three out of the four boats; Varsity Eight, Varsity Four, and JV Eight. Conn continued their winning streak when they traveled to Lowell on March 30 to compete against UMass-Lowell, Simmons, and Mt. Holyoke. The Varsity Eight, JV Eight and the Varsity Fours swept the wins.

The Varsity Eight led by 2.5 seconds at the 1000 meter mark and extended that to 8.3 seconds at the finish of the 2000 meter course. Coach Wolter wrote "After a shaky start, Conn led from the beginning and was able to dominate the field even though they under-stroked their rivals by 1-2 strokes per minute." With that win they extended their record to 4-0. Sansom believes that "[we] are a young team with a lot of potential but also with a lot of previous racing experience."

The JV Eight raced the entire course

## Athlete of the Week

Co-Athlete's of the Week are Jesse Perkins of the Men's Lacrosse team, and Jessica Bell of the Women's Lacrosse team. Perkins had an incredible week; winning 13 of 19 face offs and scoring two goals against Trinity, then won 14 of 23 face offs and again scored two with three assists against Bowdoin. Bell was a force on the field; scoring 5 goals in the hard fought double over time loss against Trinity, and scored 2 in the 10-9 win over previously undefeated Amherst. Congratulations to Jesse Perkins and Jessica Bell.

## Men's lacrosse ices the Polar Bears



Evan Coppola/Photography Editor

Senior Andrew Margie stretches for the catch prior to the attack in Saturday's game against Bowdoin.

by Jenny Marchick  
SPORTS EDITOR

When asked his reaction to the Men's Lacrosse game on Saturday against Bowdoin, the first words out of coach Fran Shields mouth were "I'm psyched!" Coach Shields had good reason to be, the Camels beat the Bowdoin Polar Bears 14 to 10 in one of the team's best showings this season.

Going into the game the Camels were 3-2, coming off of two tough losses earlier in the week to Middlebury and Trinity. Middlebury, who is ranked sixth in the nation, defeated Conn last Saturday by the narrow margin of 9-7. Then on Wednesday Conn came back from a sizable Trinity lead to take them into double over time, but fell to them 8-7. They came into the game against Bowdoin off of two hard fought losses, and they came to play.

The game opened with freshman goal tender Reed Weily's first NESCAC start, and a Conn possession. Sophomore Chris Abplanalp charged into scoring position and slid in with a goal in the first ten seconds of play. The dominance and intensity of that one play set the tone for the rest of the game. Right away seniors

trading the lead with Mt. Holyoke. Conn edged them out by 0.8 seconds and brought their record to 5-0.

The Novice Four have had good showings and the signs of their tremendous hard work and dedication is evident in the drastic improvement during the season.

The only Conn race at home is an early morning contest against the Coast Guard Academy; they face the Bears between 5-7 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9. Next weekend the team faces Williams, MIT, and Worcester Polytechnic at Worcester.

Andrew Margie and Jesse Perkins scored a quick two, to make the score 3-0 in favor of the Camels. Abplanalp and junior tri-captain Doug Lange racked up two more before Bowdoin could get on the board.

Then the Polar Bears started an offensive attack of their own. They scored three unanswered goals before junior Chris Capone struck with two; Bowdoin scoring one in between and one after. Capone had two goals and three assists for the day. The score was now 7-5 in favor of Conn.

Aplanalp, Perkins, and Lange made another three in a row for the Camels; the Polar Bears responded with three consecutively. The score was 10-8 Conn, with little more than twelve minutes left in the fourth quarter. Perkins was taken out of the game after an opponent's stick caught under his helmet, cutting his chin.

Margie reentered the game and had two consecutive goals to pull the Camels ahead to a lead of four. Margie scored nine goals during the team's trip to Colorado earlier in the season, but had been shut out in the two previous games this week. "Margie's comeback was key to this win," said Coach Shields. Bowdoin had two quick goals with six minutes left to struggle back into contention. But that was the last time they scored. Perkins, who later received fifteen stitches to his chin, came back in with two and a half minutes left. The Camel's tri-captains Ben Smith and Lange scored another each to end the game with a 14-10 win.

The game ended with a total three hat tricks by Conn men; Abplanalp, Margie, and Lange. Perkins, besides his scoring and assists, also stood out by winning 14 out of 23 face offs. The Conn win would not have been possible without the strong Camel defense. "The defense has been good all year," voiced Shields "but this game stands out." The defense was anchored by tri-captain Vin Farrell, with outstanding play by junior Gerry Rinn. Rinn kept Bowdoin lead scorer Jedd Newkirk to one goal, while Newkirk's season average had been around five a game. Coach Shields had one statement that summed up the outstanding performances all around of the Men's Lacrosse team, "This was a great team effort."

